

## KILLING AT CASS

Roy Morris is dead, Reuben Coles in the Marlinton Hospital with a bad gun shot wound in the leg, and John Brown in the Pocahontas County jail on a charge of murder. This is the result of a shooting affair in the town of Cass on Monday afternoon, April 10, 1922. These are all colored people.

The men were employed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company in their pulp wood mill at Spruce, and had come to Cass for pay day. They had engaged in a little friendly game at Brown's shanty. There was some liquor and a falling out. Brown claims rocks were thrown and he went to a neighbor's shanty for a shot gun. Meeting Coles on the street Brown put a load of shot in his leg; going on he came upon Roy Morris and shot him in the head. They were so close to each other that Morris fell upon the man who killed him. His brains were blown out. He lived a few hours after being brought to Marlinton Hospital. Brown claims Morris had a rock in his hand. Town Sergeant Warwick arrested Brown a few minutes after the shooting.

Brown is about 35 years of age. He has been at Cass less than a year. He hails from North Carolina, and there is an unconfirmed rumor that he is wanted in his home state for a crime committed there. Brown says the trouble started on a former payday when he made complaint to Officer Cochran that Morris and Coles were carrying pistols.

The dead man was about 30 years old and married. His home was in Bedford county, Virginia, and his body was shipped there for burial on Wednesday.

Coles is in the Marlinton Hospital with a serious wound in the thigh but is not thought to be dangerously wounded.

Cheat Haven, Pa.—A very sad accident occurred at Cheat Haven, Pennsylvania, on Friday March 24, 1922, when Cecil Spacht, who was working on the C. H. & B. railroad, was thrown from a car and instantly killed. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Spacht. He was eighteen years and twenty-four days old. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, six sisters, and four brothers and a host of friends. His sisters are Mrs. Arthur Gibson, Alexander, W. Va.; Mrs. Harry Eisenbuth, West Brownville, Pa.; Mrs. Frank Hoover, Cass; Phillip S. Cass; John, Cheat Haven; Thomas, Philadelphia, and three sisters and one brother at home.

Thou art gone to the grave but we will not deplore,  
For God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;  
He gave thee, He took thee, and He will restore thee,  
Where death has no sting, for the Savior has died.

The State Tax Commissioner's office has completed the audit of the office of the Sheriff of Pocahontas county, and the report shows that every thing is ship shape and in good order. In fact, our sheriff was complimented by being told that no office in the State was better kept.

Mrs. L. O. Simmons received word on Wednesday that her brother, Marcus Lovenstein had lost his life in a fire in the State of Oregon on last Saturday night. He was a soldier in the late war. Burial at Washington, D. D.

Dr. Solter went to Huntington last Friday.

## M. B. TRAINER, DEAD

At his home near Greenbank on March 27, 1922, Morgan Brown Trainer was called from this life to the life beyond.

The deceased was born and reared in Highland county, Virginia. He was the son of Michael Trainer and was born on December 13, 1841, and was at the time of his death eighty years, three months and fourteen days old.

He was a good upright substantial citizen, a good neighbor and a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. He had been greatly afflicted for a number of years, and during the last year of his life had been confined to his room, but with all of his afflictions, he was no grumbler or complainer.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he became a member of Co. E 31st Va Regiment, commanded by Captain Jacob C. Matheny, saw much hard and faithful service, but was never wounded. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Ella Gum, and four daughters, Mrs. W. L. Lambert, Mrs. Brownie Hamed and Mrs. Clyde Hevener, of Greenbank, and Mrs. Marr Spoungie of Burgetston, Pennsylvania.

After funeral services conducted by his pastor Rev. D. M. Monroe, his body was laid to rest in the Arbovale cemetery to await the resurrection.

Word comes of a big panther on Williams River. The other night John Roberts was making his way home through the dark and came to the foot log across Little Laurel. When about half way across he thought he could distinguish the tawny form of some large animal crouched on the other end of the log. As the man paused he heard the measured beat of the beast's tail. Keeping his eye on the animal, Mr. Roberts began to back away just at this time his hunting dog came up and smelled the beast and dashed for it, curdling growl it dashed off in the woods. Old hunters like Lum Riddle and Paris Hammond examined the track the next day and pronounced it a panther of the biggest kind.

John F. Wanless of Thorny Creek died on April 8, 1922, aged about 87 years. For a long time he had been in failing health. Burial on Monday by the grave of his wife who was a Miss Hogsett. Mr. Wanless was a son of Stephen Wanless, who was killed about 80 years ago in trying to shoe a refractory horse. After the death of his father, he was adopted by his uncle, Rev. James Wanless. During the war he served as a Union soldier, and was sheriff of the county in the years immediately following the Civil War.

The Game Protectors have been busy the past week distributing brook and rainbow trout in Pocahontas waters. Big shipments have already been placed in Cheat and both forks of the Greenbrier and other waters. More will be put in Williams River and Laurel Creek. We understand that these fish are from eggs bought by the State Game Commission and hatched at the Government hatchery at White Sulphur.

Hon. Alf Taylor, of Fayetteville, was in Marlinton Monday, having stopped over for a day and a night on his way to Cass, where he will attend Greenbrier Presbytery as a delegate. Mr. Taylor is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from this district. At the present time he is one of the Fayette county delegates in the House of Delegates.

## CIRCUIT COURT

April term of Circuit Court is still in session and will continue well into next week. On last Wednesday Roy Houchin was tried for the killing of L. G. Brandt, at Thornwood last December. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Houchin is about 35 years old, a son of the late Jeff Houchin, who was killed about twenty years ago by a constable Brandt was a resident of Morgantown, thirty three years old, married and had one child. He was a member of a hunting party and was spending the evening at the Houchin home. Corn liquor flowed pretty freely. Houchin went to sleep and woke up in a rage as his guests were leaving, got his gun, and in the mixup Brandt was shot in the calf of the leg with a high powered rifle. He died within twenty four hours.

Monday and Tuesday of this week were taken up in the trial of Henley Alberts for the killing of Eliza Hinkle at the Albert home on Droop Mountain on the night of February 22, 1922. The case was finished late Tuesday night, and the jurors were not sent to their room to consider a verdict until Wednesday morning. After being out over two hours, a verdict of murder in the first degree with recommendation for life imprisonment was brought in. In pronouncing the sentence Judge Sharp said that moonshine liquor seemed to have much to do with this the most brutal murder that had ever come under his notice in his experience as a judge. Alberts is about 28 years of age. On the night he was killed Hinkle was at the home of his brother-in-law, Albert, on Droop Mountain. There were also present a number of the neighbors. Corn liquor flowed pretty freely and Albert attacked Hinkle with a knife and inflicted a mortal wound, nearly cutting off his shoulder. Hinkle ran from the house out in the night to the road. Albert followed him, and as he was dying or dead, slashed his head nearly off with a knife.

John Miam was found guilty of moonshining and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Also one Matias Babonic was given two years on the same charge. His operations were at Spruce.

Law Orders  
State vs Oaden Flynn, confessed, 30 days.  
State vs Wm. Wyant, confessed, 30 days.  
State vs Joe Vint, not guilty.  
State vs Dorsey Freeman, forfeiture of bail bond.  
Highland Mercantile Co. vs Dorsey Freeman, judgment \$342.10  
First National Bank of Highland Co. vs Dorsey Freeman judgment \$308.59.  
State vs Pete Snyder, forfeiture on bail bond.  
Bank of Marlinton vs R. R. Snedegar and others, judgment \$1698.81.  
State vs Lee Vint, not guilty.  
State vs John Milam, guilty, sentence two years in pen.  
Pistol license granted Paris D Yeager and Park McNeil.  
State vs Roy Houchin, verdict guilty of murder in second degree.  
State vs Ira Vandevender, confessed, \$300 fine six months in jail.  
State vs Matias Babonic, guilty, two years in pen.  
State vs John Rose, guilty, \$150 and costs.  
State vs E. D. Burner, \$50 and six months in jail, charge carrying a pistol. Bail pending application for writ of error.  
State vs J. W. Shifflet, guilty, \$100 fine sixty days in jail.  
State vs C. P. Hamrick, No. 1 & 2 quashed.  
State vs C. P. Hamrick, not guilty

## verdict.

State vs C. P. Hamrick, guilty, motion for new trial.  
State vs Eary Bennett, not guilty.  
State vs Ashby Higgins, not guilty.  
State vs Joe Thurston, upon a rule for failing to appear as a witness, \$10 and one day in jail.  
State vs Bert Hall, confessed \$100 and thirty days in jail.

Chancery  
Rudolph Turk vs J. A. Viquesney, decree of sale.  
Sevier Hardware Co. vs Cass Garage, dividend of 7408 paid.  
Bertie Hiner vs R. R. Snedegar, decree of sale of Beard Mill property.  
June McElwee vs B. B. Garrett, decree of sale.  
Wm Arbogast vs D. M. Henry, decree of sale.  
Bank of Marlinton vs J. C. Myers, sale confirmed.  
State vs 81 acres, referred to commissioner.  
State vs 1 acre, Clover Lick order to restore part of record missing.

## DURBIN

Dr. C. B. Collins is moving to White Sulphur Springs. We are sorry the Dr. has decided to leave our town.

J. D. Wilmoth is much better and able to be about town some.  
Eleven men, surveyors for the State, have a camp at the mouth of Buffalo Fork, East Branch of Greenbrier River, surveying the George Craig land. They commenced April first.

C. E. Vanosdale is off to Morgantown on business.

Walter Young is building a new house.

G. W. Wilmoth of Alleghany Mt. was in town on business Saturday. George is farming extensively now.

Twenty thousand fish from the White Sulphur Springs Hatchery were placed in the West Branch of the Greenbrier last week.

Earl Maxwell, lawyer from Elkins, was in town Saturday on his way home from Marlinton, where he was attorney for Page Hamrick in some cases at court.

E. D. Talbott was in town last week preparing for a lot sale on the 5th of May.

Some new buildings will be started soon in our town.

Asa Wright, the barber, is going into the hog and chicken business.

D. M. Henry and W. H. Collins have been estimating timber on Back Alleghany. We look forward to a sawmill to start soon.

Oscar Latt is in town on business. Prof. C. E. Flynn has bought a Ford car.

N. B. Arbogast was visiting at J. W. Goodsell's over Sunday.

Wm Widney, superintendent of the Pocahontas Tanning Company, is making some changes in the tannery.

## SLATYFORK

Grass is growing fine and it looks like summer was not far off.  
We are expecting Professor J. H. Hall, one of the world's best music teachers, to teach singing school for us this summer. Everyone near should take advantage of this great opportunity to study music.

L. D. Sharp has been working hard getting up petitions to re-establish a mail route from Slatyfork to Edray. Many years ago the people of Elk had daily mail, but now have no mail at all for a distance of twelve miles. Well to do farmers and heavy taxpayers live here, and during the war were heavy subscribers of Government bonds and War Saving Stamps, and yet they have been denied any mail service, we hope that this very important route will soon be established. Let us pull together. There is but one road from the main road down to the Slatyfork office. The mail has been carried several years from Linwood to Slatyfork.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely. We think the Sunday school should not close for the winter. Since we have had a few years of evergreen Sunday School we find it the thing. Our attendance has been good all winter and last Sunday the house was full with not a vacant seat left.  
There has been a lot of moonshining going on on Elk. Some men are too lazy to work and so they make the stuff to rob men of their money, minds and health. The moonshiner must quit his dishonest business or soon be rounded up.

West Droop School, Laey C. McMillon, teacher. Seventh month: Sadie Kershner, Olive Cutlip, Jinnie Kershner, Lela Hollandsworth, Hilda Kershner, Neva Cutlip, Ileta Pritt, Vada Copenhaver, Charlie Starks, Deward Hill, Jesse Starks, Paul Hollandsworth, Hugh Wiley, Clinton Dean, Fred Snedegar, Harry Starks, George Kershner, Milton Copenhaver, Carl Pritt, Wilson Starks.

Term Honor Roll—Deward Hill, Clinton Dean, George Kershner, Harry Starks, Vada Copenhaver, Sadie Kershner, Ora Copenhaver, Jinnie Kershner, Milton Copenhaver, Hilda Kershner, Jesse Starks, Fred Snedegar, Paul Hollandsworth, Charley Starks. Total enrollment 32; average daily attendance 30; percent of daily attendance 97.

John Waugh and John Hull are at work on the Class A. road between Marlinton and Edray.

The High School play, "What happened to Jones," last Friday night, was a great success, both as an evening's entertainment and in attendance.

## VALUE OF FARM LANDS DECREASE

Survey By United States Department Of Agriculture Shows Drop of \$6 An Acre In West Virginia

County assessors throughout West Virginia are continuing their activities upon orders of Walter S. Hallanan, Republican state tax commissioner, to increase the value of farm land for taxation purposes, in face of announcement of figures compiled by the Department of Agriculture in Washington showing conclusively that the average value of plow lands in this state is lower now than at any time in the preceding three years.

The United States Department of Agriculture, in a report just issued, says that West Virginia plow lands reached their highest value in 1920. Since then there has been a steady decrease in value. In 1921, the average value per acre was \$3 less than in 1920 and this year it is \$6 less than in 1921.

The present average value of all plow lands in West Virginia is given by the Federal Department of Agriculture experts as \$12, compared with \$18 in 1921 and \$31 in 1920. The average value of good plow lands in West Virginia this year is given as \$62 and the average value of poor plow lands as \$27.

The state tax commissioner's office had "no-idea" of the average value of farm land in the state for assessment purposes, according to a statement in response to an inquiry by a representative of this newspaper. Neither did the state department of agriculture possess this information, although the Commissioner, James R. Stewart agreed to "look it up."

Despite this lack of essential information on the part of Republican

Morgantown—All taxicab drivers in Morgantown would be required to pay annual city license tax of \$50 under an ordinance recommended to city council by City Manager Charles F. Sutherland. The city manager, in recommending the ordinance's passage, said that taxicabs were involved in most of the crimes committed in Morgantown and that a regulation of them would be a deterrent to the commission of crime.

## I QUESTION NOT

Editor Times—  
I am herewith enclosing you a few lines suggested to me by a conversation I heard on one of our streets last Sunday afternoon between a minister of the Gospel and a couple of our local attorneys. J. M. MEADOR.  
Hinton, W. Va.

What bugs is it,  
Within the pulsing womb of time,  
A thousand thousand years  
Man passed from stage to stage;  
Or if, at God's command,  
With single bound  
He leaped from Mother Earth  
A Man?

To Him who gave us life  
A thousand years is as a single day.  
His handiwork shows purpose and design.  
I question not His wisdom, mode or plan;  
Nor hath the Record said  
He breathed in him the Breath of Life  
And Man became a Living Soul,  
Before he was a Man!

Science hath not shown  
The Sun to change his course  
In all the years;  
Nor whence Orion's bands,  
Polaris guided mariners of old,  
And points the North today.  
The Pleiades we view with raptured gaze,  
The Shepherd's saw and Poets sang  
On old Judea's hills.

The fragrance of the Rose,  
The Violet's tint,  
I may not understand;  
Nor whence the Fountains of the Deep,  
The Lightning's flash,  
Or tread of Storm.

But this I know:  
There is beyond it all  
A Moving Cause, superior to Chance  
Whose ways are not our ways,  
And are past finding out;  
Who walks with mighty tread  
The vast Unknown;  
With music fills the spheres;  
Attends all Nature wide;  
Yet lays the simple hand of Faith  
Upon our hearts, that bids us wait

Philosophy may trace the planet's course;  
Unbosom secrets of the plain and hill,  
And set the blood space within our veins;  
But faith, and Faith alone,  
Can light the Shad'wy Vale  
And teach the Mystery Profound!

## Spring Is Here

The time for cleaning up the premises has come. The house, the barn, the fence, the roof, in fact, all the buildings about the place would look brighter if a little fresh paint were used. When thinking of

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Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Communion Service—

Reception of new members.

7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.

7:45 p. m. Preaching Service.

There will be a meeting in the church at 4:30 Friday, for those who desire to discuss the matter of uniting with the Church.

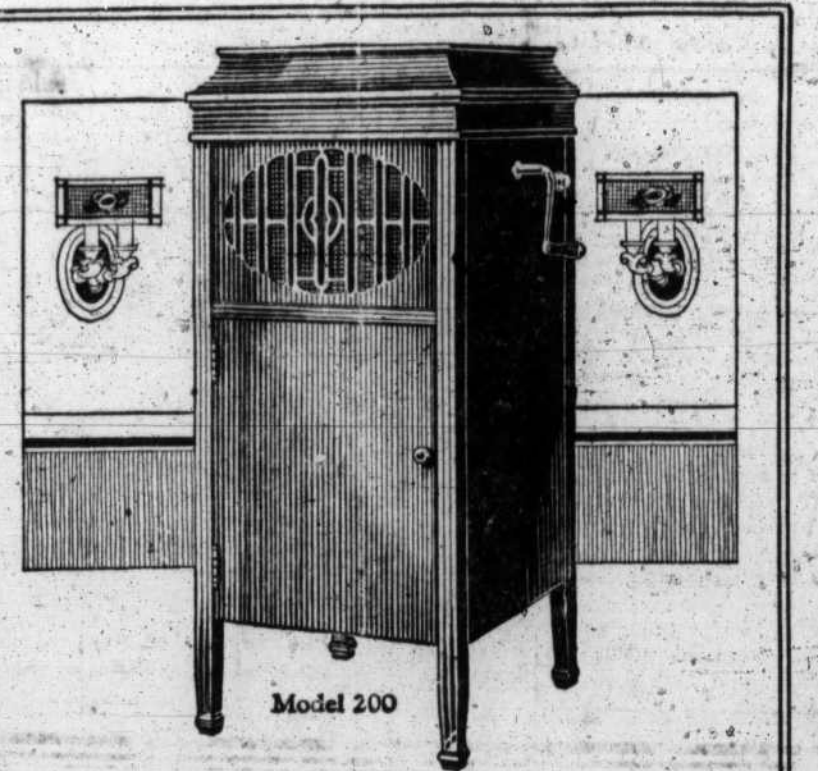
Report of Huntersville School, seventh month, E. Ernest White, teacher. Perfect attendance. Olive Thomas, Lucy Rider, Elizabeth McComb, Gladys May, Sylvia May, Genevieve Jordan, Vera Buzzard, Louise Barlow, Robert McComb, Ivan Moore, Dick Moore, Ermon Gaines, Ellis Grimes. Faithful attendance, Roy McLaughlin, Waldo Buzzard, Lola Buzzard, and Opal Thomas. Percent of attendance for seventh month was 96. Percent for year was 97.5.

Mr. Marcel August Zeller and Miss Beulah Mae Finley announce their marriage on Friday, March thirty-first Nineteen hundred and twenty-two. At home 4175a Castellan Avenue, Saint Louis.

## WEST UNION

The West Union Sunday School is getting along nicely with Lloyd VanKeenan, superintendent, Clawsen Beverage, assistant; W. H. Gilmore, secretary. Teachers: adult classes, Wm. Van Keenan and Amos Beverage; intermediate classes, Mrs. Frank Beverage and O. W. Kellison; primary classes, George Gilmore and Mrs. Jennie Beverage. Sunday school hour is two o'clock p. m. Some of the people from the Old Church are giving good help. Amos Beverage has charge of the song service and Misses Mattie and Ida Burgess are organists. Old time song services are being held here and are well attended and very interesting. They are conducted by P. L. Carter, of Onoto.

During the month of March a stranger giving his name as G. W. Williams took subscriptions for the Pocahontas Times in the towns of the upper end of Pocahontas County, without the knowledge of this office, and has so far failed to turn in the names and the money he received. We have been notified by a number of those who paid him money, and if there are others, we would be much obliged if they would also send us their names and amount paid.



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1. Every person over 15 years of age must have a fishing license which is obtained from the County Clerk and costs one dollar.
2. No licenses are issued to unnaturalized citizens.
3. It is a violation of the law to fish in any other manner except with hook and line.
4. The open season for catching bass of all kinds and pike is from the first day of June until the 31st day of March. The open season for catching trout is from the first day of May until the 31st day of July inclusive.
5. It is necessary to have the written permission to fish upon the enclosed lands of another.
6. In case of a violation of the Game and Fish Law, notify your nearest Game Protector.

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